

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0059] as follows:

[0059] Also depicted in Figure 1 is an indirect heat exchanger 160 which surrounds a conduit of the shell 102 between the ~~reformer~~ reforming unit 110 and heat exchanger/distributor 134. A fuel and steam mixture is passed via line 162 to heat exchanger 160. Alternatively, an air and steam mixture could be introduced into heat exchanger 160. By avoiding the presence of fuel, any coking problems associated with heating a fuel and steam mixture would thus be eliminated. The effluent from heat exchanger 160 is passed via line 120 to controller 122.